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## Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Library Awarded Banned Books Week Grant

Smith River, CA, July 14, 2017 – Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation's Tribal Family Resource Library has been awarded \$1,000 by the Judith Krug Fund in support of Banned Books Week events.

Each year, the Freedom to Read Foundation distributes grants to non-profit organizations to support activities which raise awareness of intellectual freedom and censorship issues during the annual Banned Books Week celebration (September 24 - 30, 2017). This year, there were more than 90 applicants. Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation's library is one of eight awarded funds.

In celebration of Banned Books week, the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation ("TDN") library will host several events/awareness activities:

- Banned Books Display
- Blind Date with a Banned Book
- Zine Workshop
- Open Mic Readings from Banned Books
- "Submit a Selfie" and awareness social media campaign

The Tribal Family Resource Library (TFRL) is hosted by TDN's Community and Family Services (CFS) Department's Tribal Family Resource Center (TFRC). The mission of CFS is to encourage a healthy community by providing services that address the unique social, cultural, and economic needs of our Tribal Family with accountability, integrity, and respect. The TFRL's mission is to support lifelong learning, advance knowledge, and strengthen Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation tribal citizens and the community. The FRL is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm as well as for special events and staff is available at those times. Current library services include access to over 1,567 items to 828 registered patrons (tribal citizens and TDN employees) using automated library software and access to e-books and audio books, online.

## **ABOUT**

Community and Family Services mission: "We encourage a healthy community by providing services that address the unique cultural and economic needs of our Tribal Family with accountability, integrity, and respect." For more information, contact the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Offices at (707) 487-9255.

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